father's little private safe, after killing

The detective questioned Reid Oak-burn further, but nothing worthy of record was elicited after that, and the

interview was cut short by the arrival of one of Paxton's agents, with a note from

the villainous janitor, who requested him to come to his cell as soon as possi-

ble, as he had decided to make a con-

"Will he confess the murder? How

will the mystery be explained?" won-

dered Paxton.

He felt that the denouement was sure-

ly near at hand, and he hastened with-

out the least delay to the Tombs, where

As soon as he was in Kredge's cell the

"I am going to make a clean breast of

the job. I don't want to be put on trial for John Oakburn's murder."

"You've come to your senses at last.

"Yes; now listen:" On the night of John Oakburn's death,

I entered the omce through the rear

window where you found my tracks. I

had found out that John Oakburn kept

a large sum of money in his little safe,

and having a duplicate key to it, I meant to rob it.

I had entered the office, after forcing

open the blinds and raising the window, and had robbed the safe and locked it

up again just as I had found it after se-

sand dollars, on my person, when sud-

denly John Oakburn entered the outer

I had only time to hide behind a desk

when he came into the interior office, and hastily unlocked his little private

I shall never forget the cry of agony

he uttered when he discovered that the safe had been robbed.

He reeled into the outer office and fell

The old man had paid the seventy-eight thousand dollars he drew from the

bank that afternoon, and which belonged

to Garrison, to save a scapegrace son of his from arrest. Pratt and Weeks had

captured that son, and to them John

Oakburn paid Garrison's money, intend-

tered as he sat there after he discovered

have appropriated my employer's money to my own use, I have betrayed a sacred trust. I have kept it a secret that I had

saved a large sum of money, and that

it was in my little safe. My story will

not be credited. I will not live to suffer

this awful disgrace, I whose one wish

was to live an honest man, and dying

leave a spotless reputation. I will die by

remember his exact words. Then he

seized a pen and began to write,

watched him breathlessly, and bad as I am, I resolved to save his life, to pre-

When he had written for some time

he came to his safe again, and took out

I will kill myself in ten minutes.

I saw him sit down, pistol in hand, and watch the clock. The time was al-

most up, and I was about to rush out and disarm him, when he threw down

the pistol saying, "I amafraid." I saw that he trembled from head to foot.

After that he paced the room for a mo-

ment or so, but finally he picked up the

pen and wrote a few lines. Then as if he had decided, he picked up the pistol

"I cannot face the weapon. The sight

of the pistol unnerves me. If I could

not see, I might have the nerve to pull

Then he took up the pistol once more

opened a drawer and took out a ball of twine. Tying one end of the twine to

the trigger of the pistol, after cooking it

he placed the weapon in a bracket at the

side of the door, where there had been

a lamp, and with the cord in his hand

Before I could prevent it, and before I fully comprehended what he intended to

do he pulled the string attached to the

trigger, the weapon, which was an air

pistol, was discharged without report,

and Oakburn fell dead, shot through the

back of the head. In his fall he over-

turned the table.
I sprang forward and secured the pa-

per which he had written, for I surmised it was a statement that he had com-

Then I left the office as I had entered

it, taking care to close the window and the blind behind me. I had an idea that

the suicide's last written words might

be of value to me in case I was sus-

pected, and the result proves that I was

CHAPTER XXXVI.

At last the secret of John Oakburn's

fate was revealed. The unfortunate

man had not been murdered, but he had

"In proof of the truth of what I have

told, I'll show you the paper Oakburn wrote just before he shot himself. Will

one of you gentlemen loan me a knife?

I sewed the document up in the lining

of my coat, so that I could not possibly

Paxton gave him a pocket-knife, and,

ripping the lining of his coat, he drew

forth a written paper and handed it to the detective, who read it.

The contents of the paper read as fol-

To my beloved daughter Marion and my

walked back to the table.

vent his committing suicide.

It was like that he went on, I almost

"I am ruined, I am an embezzler, I

the money, nearly eighty thou-

Levi Kredge was confined:

janitor began:

into a chair.

was in his little safe.

the loss of his money.

my own hand."

the trigger.'

mitted suicide.

committed suicide.

lose it," said Kredge.

the old gentleman."



CHAPTER XXXV.

After a pause, Pratt continued. "Having decided to ransom his son, John Oakburn produced the seventy-eight thousand dollars of his employer's money, which by chance he had brought with him, and placing it in my hands, he

sald: "Take it. It is the price you demand for my son's liberation. This is my employer's money, but I will replace it with my own money, which is in my little private safe.' "
Then John Oakburn's little safe was

robbed on the night of the murder!" exclaimed Paxton.

"After this we permitted Reid Oak-burn to go away with his father. First, however, we gave him one thousand dollars of the marked money to continue his flight with.

"In former days in Kansas City, Kredge and Reid Oakburn were great friends, as I nappen to know, because Kredge was then employed by me. Kredge objected to taking part in any scheme against Reid, but his love of money was greater than his friendship, and he consented finally when we promised him a share of the money we wrung from Oakburn. Now I have told you the whole story, and every word of it is the truth.

Thus Pratt concluded. Paxton and Stanmore were both convinced from Pratt's manner that his story was not a fabrication, surprising as his statement was.

After this Pratt wrote out a document which was a clear and concise expianation of how Stanmore had been made the dupe of the prime swindlers, and which proved his entire innocence of the swindle, at the head of which he had been placed by Pratt and Weeks. When the paper had been read and approves by Stanmore, a message was sent to Weeks, who soon put in an ap-pearance. The situation was explained to him, and, making a virtue of necessity, he signed Stanmore's vindication

with his partner.
After this the two scoundrels were permitted to go.

Paxton and Stanmore at once repaired to a police station, where the man who exchanged overcoats with Stuart Harland had been lodged in a agent who had arrested him. This man was told of Pratt's confes-

sion, and he confirmed the broker's story perfectly. In conclusion he said:

"Yes, my real name is Reid Oakburn, and I am John Oakburn's son." "How came the skeleton keys in the

pocket of the overcoat you exchanged with Harland?" asked Paxton.

"Before I was recognized and trapped by Pratt, I had been prowling about Garrison's office, but I had not revealed myself to my father. I knew that he formerly kept his money in the little safe, with his curious weapons and coins. and I meant to rob his private safe.

"I took the wax impressions and had skeleton keys made for the outside and interior door. I also had a key made for the big safe. I meant to blow open the little one, for I couldn't get into the private office to take an impression. "I was in league with a band of burg-

lars, with whom I had recently formed an acquaintance, and an experienced 'safe-blower' was to help me do the job "Well, I fled from the city the night of my father's death. I merely did so to deceive Pratt and Weeks, for I distrusted them, and feared they might seek to betray me to the police, after

"I meant to return, and so I did, after going to Albany, where I procured a complete disguise, from a Jew, to whom I was recommended by one of the band of burglars I had joined.

"On the way to Albany it occurred to me that Pratt and Weeks might have had me shadowed to the depot and telegraphed my description ahead, so as to secure my arrest without seeming to have instigated it. I felt the necessity for an immediate change of costume and that was why I appropriated Har-land's coat while he slept. I forgot to take the keys out of the pocket of the coat I left behind.

"Later, after my return to the city, met Levi Kredge, whose complicity with Pratt and Weeks I did not suspect, and one whom I thought no temptation could induce to betray me, I revealed myself to him, and he carried a note to

my half-sister, Marlon, for me. She had always been kind to me, and I had always hoodwinked her as to my real character, and thus won her sym pathy. She sincerely thought I was

more sinned against than sinning.

"After that Marion met me, but she had been tracked, and I fled to escape a detective. One night not long ago, chanced to be at the house of Mother Kitts, when I discovered, much to my surprise, that Marion was a prisoner in a rear room there. Unknown to Mother Kitts, I had just liberated her, and was about to lead her out of that house when you appeared, Mr. Paxton.

"I had told Marion that I was a fugitive, accused of a crime which I had not executed, and, as I took the most solemn oath that I was innocent, she implicitly

"When she saw you she whispered a she snatched a revolver from my hand 'Flee, I'll prevent his following you. Then it was that she confroted you in the door, with the revolver leveled while I escaped through a rear exit.

"After my escape, I tried in vain t learn what had become of Marion. "Before I knew that the money paid to Pratt and Weeks by my father was marked, I gave Marion a ten-dollar note

from the money I had received from the men who betrayed me.

"By Levi Kredge I had previously sent Marion a photograph of myself taken while I was in disguise, so that

she would knew me when we met." With this Reid Oakburn was silent. The mystery of Marion's connection Let no man be accused of my murder. To turning the money he had stolen, and the care of the good Lord I commend my Kredge was sentenced to a long term of daughter, whom I love, and it is my prayer that she may believe that I am unfortunate, not dish mored.

(Signed)

That this letter had been written by John Oakburn there could be no doubt "I was, indeed, on a false trail, but the fact that the shot which killed Oakburn was clearly fired from a distance caused every one to exclude the possi-bility of suicide from the case," said

The detective began to think the mystery of Marion's conduct was clear-

ing up.
"To shield her father's memory from dishonor and disgrace, the noble girl, who must have first discovered her father when Stuart Harland saw her stealthily leaving the office, removed the pistol with which he killed himself, and destroyed every evidence that might point to suicide, so that the impression might be given that he had been mur-dered and robbed. She is a true heart. She was, indeed, inspired by a noble purpose," said Paxton.

"You have stated the truth, I firmly believe," said Stanmore. "Yes, you have hit it at last. Marion Oakburn is as innocent as you are. As you say, she wanted to save her father's

memory from dishonor," said Kredge. "But what about the money you stole? You haven't told us where to find that,' said the detective.
"I've spent about three thousand dol-

lars of it, and the rest is hid. It's safe, you can bet on that. Don't fret about it. I mean to make a bargain with you," answered the scoundrel, with a cunning

"In what way?" "Promise me I'll be discharged and I'll give up the money." "We'll see about that," said Paxton. "Yes; Marion must be consulted,"

said Stanmore. "I recken the girl will be glad to consent to let up on me when she knows of the money," said Kredge. "Now you understand my remarks which puzzled you heretofore, I take it," he replied. "Perfectly," replied Paxton, and ac-companied by Stanmore he soon left the

After this, some days elapsed, and then to Stanmore's inexpressible joy.
Marion's malady took a favorable turn. The physician declared the crisis passed, and he gave Stanmore the assurance

that Marion would recover.

As soon as she was sufficiently recovcred to warrant it, Stanmore told Marion of the confession made by Pratt and Weeks, and by Levi Kredge, the janitor.

"We understand the mystery of you conduct now. You meant that your father's memory should be shielded. When you knew that he appropriated Garrison's money and committed suicide, you determined that the world should believe he had been robbed and murdered," he said.

"Yes, that is the explanation. But I must tell you all. On the night of my father's death, I became alarmed at his absence, and without disturbing any ing to replace it with the money which one, I descended to the office, thinking it possible he might be there. He sometime worked in the office in the evening. When I entered the office, I found my father dead. On the floor was a sheet of paper upon which he had written a few lines. I remember them

well. They were as follows: " 'Heaven bear witness that I was in intention innocent, but I have appropriated the seventy-eight thousand dollars belonging to my employer, which I drew from the bank to-day, to my own use. I have decided I shall die by my own hand, but I cannot face the pistol. I shall place it in the bracket by the door and discharge it by means of a string attached to the trigger, while my back Farewell, Marion, my daugh-

ter,' " said Marion.
"Ah, I understand. While Kredge se cured the first message written by your father, when he had decided to commit suicide, he did not find the message a pistol. He carried the weapon out which you have repeated," said Staninto the outer office, and I heard him

"When I read my dead father's mes sage, I resolved that he should not be branded as a thief, that his memory should be revered, that he should leave behind him the reputation he dearly prized, that of an honest man.

Then I remembered the pistol, secured the tell-tale letter, and stole from the office. After concealing the weapon in my trunk, I went to Judith's room, and then we descended together to the office What ensued you know.

"The paper, upon which I depended to prove my innocence when I knew I was suspected as being concerned in my father's death, was his last message I despaired, when I discovered I had

"When, during the process of Stuart Harland's trial, I became convinced that he would be found guilty, I resolved to tell all, but Judith must have discovered my intentions, I think, for the night l made the resolution that on the following day I would come forward with my testimony and save Stuart Harland, l was abducted while unconscious from some anæsthetic which had been administered when I slept, and when I awoke I found myself a prisoner in the house of the old woman called Mother Kitts. When, after Reid's escape, I was dragged back to the prison-room from which he had liberated me, I secreted my father's last message, which was concealed in my bosom, in a hole in the wall of the fire-place. Next morning, after a troubled sleep, I looked for the

paper and it was gone Thus Marion explained, and, further, she confirmed Reid's statement that he had deceived her as to his real charac-

ter. Now that she knew him she despised him, and a fierce desire that he should be punished for having indirectly been cause of her beloved father's death The lovers conversed tenderly for some time, and at last Stuart left the bedside of the fair invalid, and sought Paxton the detective, and together they proceeded to the house of Mother Kitts. The fire-place in the room where Marion had been imprisoned was demolished, and there where it had slipped down be hind a brick from the aperture, in which Marion had concealed it, John Oakburn's

message was discovered. Everything was clear now. Of course the terrible letter which Paxton had received from Judith Kredge purporting to be the confession of the murder made by Marion was a forgery, and that it was such Judith Kredge subsequently ac-

Stanmore now revealed himself in proper personality as Donald Wayburn. and since he had the proof that he was an honest man, his friends of other days

from which he had long suffered while he was held a prisoner awaiting the ac-tion of the Denver authorities.

Judith Kredge was obliged to return the money which she had extorted from Marion, and she left New York. Pratt and Weeks also disappeared. Of course Stuart Harland's innocence

was proclaimed, and soon after he and Edna Garrison were married.

Marion entirely recovered and within a year she became the b loved wife of him whom we have known as Richard

Stanmore. Jason Garrison was once more prosperous, thanks to Starmore's assistance, but he never forgot the terrible lesson taught him by the brigands of Wall street, and to Sanborn's heirs he paid the amount of the forged check. Paxton declared that he would find

the money stolen by Kredge, and at last, after encountering many perils, he succeeded in accomplishing his purpose, and Marion's fortune was restored to

her.
The detective received the reward Stanmore had promised him, and he is to-day the most successful detective in

True and perfect happiness was the future lot of Marion and her husband, and though her conduct had made her father's fate a great detective mystery, Marion's friends honored the purpose which had actuated her. THE UND.

The Saucy Little Wretch.

A story is told by Mrs. Elizabeth Akers Allen, the author of "Rock Me to Sleep, Mother." "The words had been set to music long before I ever heard them sung," she says. "One day on the street I was electrified by hearing a small gamin warbling most musically the words of my poem. I stopped short and looked at him. He was in the midst of 'no other worship abides and endures,' but he broke his tuneful notes off short as he saw me and growled: 'What in are you a-starin' at?' "

He's a Sprinter.

A. Russian athlete, M. Valowski. having made a bet that he would cover the distance between Bordeaux and Angouleme, there and back on foot, a total distance of 145 miles, in twenty-four hours, started on a recent Sunday morning. He returned on the following Monday morning, having accomplished the double journey in forty minutes less than the stipulated time, thus winning the wager of 2,000 francs.

The Puritan fathers, who settled in America, were greatly addicted to smoking; indeed, the practice became so common that even these straitlaced observers of time and seasons actually smoked in church. This custom soon caused very considerable annoyance, as the religious exercises were greatly disturbed by the clinking of steels and flints and the clouds of smoke in church.

Population of France. The increase of population in France during the last five years has amounted to only one-half of 1 per cent. The population of the great cities is increasing and that of the rural districts decreasing.

FOR two or three years eminent architects have claimed that the definitive type of commercial architect ure had been found in what is known as the "Chicago system," namely, a rigid framework of steel forming the pillars, floor joists, and partitions, supporting the roof and upholding the structure without aid from the exterior walls, which are a mere veneer of brick, stone, or terra cotta. Now, however, comes Gen. Sooy Smith, himself an engineer of the highest scientific attainments, and declares that the steel or iron framework must be discarded and solid stone pillars substituted if absolute safety against fire is sought. It is evident that the adoption of Gen. Smith's suggestion would greatly decrease the available area in a building, as the size of the columns necessary to support a given weight will be greater in stone than if they are made of metal. And as owners seek the maximum amount of incomeproducing space it is likely that the "Chicago system" will be adhered to despite this scientific criticism of its qualities as a fireproof type of construction.

Business methods have at last been applied to the work of raising money for the Grant monument in New York. Had this been done seven years ago the monument would now be finished, and a pride to New York instead of a disgrace. That city gave as freely to the fund for the relief of Johnstown as any other in the country. There was method in the management of that fund. There were committees to solicit subscriptions from all departments of trade, and a large amount of money was raised in a very short time. The same method is to be applied to the Grant monument subscription, and, if it be thorough, the different committees ought to raise the money necessary to complete the monument in a few weeks.

Jones of Binghamton promises to exhibit at the World's Fair a scale made of mahogany and aluminum. It will be gold-mounted and otherwise got up without regard to expense, and anybody who knows Jones knows that he is able to pay the freight on it.

EVERY year a layer of the sea, fourteen feet thick, is taken up into the clouds. The winds bear their burden into the land and the water comes down in rain upon the fields, to flow back through rivers.

REV. JOSEPH COOK has been struck

THE NEWS.

rne oil providing for separate cars for whites and negroes on the railways passed the Virginia Senate without a dissenting vote. The governor's approval is a foregone conclusion.

In a collision between a special passenger train and a freight train at Waycross, Ga., fifteen passengers were injured.

The Philadelphia coroner's jury found four persons responsible for the death of Miss May Biblighaus in the optum joint. The Canajoharie (N. Y.) National Bank

examiner, was placed in charge. Six hundred operatives at the American Hide and Leather Company's tanneries in Lowell, Mass., went on a strike.

suspended, and E. J. Graham, national bank

James and Amos Pierce were arrested in Chester, Pa., on suspicion of having murdured George B. Eyre. Frederick Lempke, a Christian scientist,

committed suicide by thrusting his head into a red hot stove. Six thousand dollars' worth of diamonds was stolen from Joseph K. Davidson & Son

in Philadelphia. The third dynamite outrage in Leadville, Col., wrecked the home of A. V. Hunter, the millionaire. Lewis Havens, of Philadelphia, died sud-

denly in a car at Lenoir, N. C. A fire at Dawson City destroyed \$400,000 worth of property. Samuel Peter Meyers was hanged at Som-

erset. Pa. R. H. Nicholas, a native of Baltimore, and superintendent of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad, died in Philadel-

Brigadier General Charles W. Squires, a prominent Confederate during the Civil War,

died in St. Louis, aged sixty.

Judge Wallace, in the United States Court at Albany, concurred with the lower court in refusing to grant a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Captain Oberlin M. Carter, convicted of conspiracy against the government.

May Bebehaus, aged nineteen, died in Philadelphia from the effects of smoking Julius Bandmann, an old merchant of San

Francisco, is dead. John Klonthan died at Berryville, Va.,

aged seventy-one. Count Boni de Casteliane, with his wife, Anna Gould, reached New York, and denied absolutely that he had lost anything in speculations, declaring that he had never specu-

A. P. T. Elder, formerly a publisher in Chicago, plead guilty in the United States Court, that city, to having used the mails to lefraud. Clarence W. Robinson was appointed com-

monwealth's attorney in Newport News, Va., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. K. M. Newton. John Potter Stockton, formerly United States senator, who was for years attorney

general of New Jersey, died at the Hotel Hanover, in New York. William W. Patch, who during the war saved General Sherman and his staff from capture, died at his home in Galesburg, Ill. Captain William H. Gibson succeeded Cap-

Texas at the Brooklyn navy yard. J. Edgar Walton was arrested in the Chicago National Bank on a charge of forgery. David Murdock, assistant roadmaster of the Maryland division of the Pennsylvania

Railroad at Gray's Ferry, Philadelphia, was killed by a train. The loss by the fire at the winter quarters of the Barnum & Bailey Circus, at Bridgeport, Ct., is estimated at \$125,000. Many

cars were destroyed. Captain Frederick J. Mills, formerly lieutenant governor of Idaho, who killed J. C. O'Melveney, was acquitted of murder in

Salt Lake. Edward Oswald was found guilty of murder in the first degree at Camden, N. J., for billing his wife and six-year-old child.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company began shutting down its coal mines W. J. McConnell, the temperance advocate

of Cleveland, died in Philadelphia from excessive use of morphia. John Brown, a notorious chicken thief, was sentenced, in Norfolk, to the peniten-

tiary for ten years. As the result of a family row in New York between the Collettis and the Spinellas three of the Collettis were killed and two of the Spinellas were arrested, the third being a fugitive.

The British steamer Sutton, with iron ore for Philadelphia, was stranded on Fenwick Island Shoals, near Lewes, Del. Boats from the revenue cutter Onondaga rescued the

Marshall Waggoner, an infidel who was converted to Christianity, burned his collection of books on infidelity in the furnace of the United Brethren Church at Toledo, O. Rev. Charles Earl Preston, of Jamestown,

R. I., who ran away from his wife, was arrested in Troy, N. Y., where he had gone with a young lady of his church. Miss Kate Herbotscheimer, of Princeton, Ill., was acquitted of the murder of Charles

Salzman, to whom she had been engaged to be married. Mrs. Bertha Ruprecht, made desponden by the death of her husband in Batavia, N. Y., made a desperate attempt to commit

The will of Father Chiniquy, the excommunicated priest, who died in Montreal gives his property to his wife and daugh Mrs. Anna George, the woman in the Sax

ton murder case in Cleveland, O., is now cloak model in New York, Seth Low, president of Columbia College

was also elected president of Barnard College. The Baldwin Locomotive Works is building thirty locomotives for French railways.

A report comes from Chicago that as a result of the recent agreements of the trunk line officials, separate city ticket offices will be abandoned in Baltimore, Philadelphia and other cities, and joint offices will be substituted.

The tobacco growers of North Corolina have agreed to sell none of their product to the American Tobacco Company for five vears. A. S. Van Wickle & Co., coal miners at

Coleraine, Pa., have advanced the wages of their men two per cent. It is reported that forty thousand miners

in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania have decided to strike. Thomas McDowell, the first mayor of Sacramento, Cal., died at South River, N. J.,

aged eighty-three. Henry Smith died in Rockbridge county, Va., aged eighty-nine. He had 262 descen-

DANGEROUS REVOLT.

PLOT OF THE AUTONOMOUS GOVERN-MENT OFFICIALS.

THE AMBUSH AT LIPA.

Eleven of the Native Officials, Including the President and Several Councillors, Sent to Prison on the Charge of Plotting Treason-What the Investigation Shows. -Prominent Men Arrestek.

Manila, (By Cable.)-Mail advices from Negros bring particulars of the uprising last month in the southern part of the island, in which Lieutenant A. C. Ledyard, Sixth Infantry, was killed. Instead of being an unimportant revolt of native police, as was at first reported, it appears to have been an attempt to overthrow American authority. The movement was started by the chief offi-cials of the autonomous government, the men who were elected and inaugurated with

so much ceremony last November. Eleven of these officials, including the president and several councillors, were odged in jail on charges of plotting treason. Several secured their release under heavy

bonds, but others remain in prison. General Smith found evidence that the revolting police were following the orders of the autonomous government, which designed to use the forces under its control to overpower the Americans. The plot failed through being started prematurely, but Negros was in a state of uneasiness for a week. Two companies of the Twenty-sixth Infantry were hurried from Iloilo to rein-

force the garrison at Bacolod. The officials arrested include some of the most prominent men in Negros. It is believed that they will be expelled from the

Island. The escort of fifty men of Company C, Thirtieth Infantry, Lieutenant Ralston com manding, which was ambushed near Lipa, as already cabled, consisted of fifty convaescents from the hospital, who were going to rejoin the regiment. The insurgents hid in the bushes along the road, and opened fire upon the pack train from

The Americans, in addition to their casualties, were compelled to abandon the train, which consisted of twenty-two horses. The latter, with their packs, all fell into the hands of the insurgents, who pursued the retreating escort for three miles along the road, until the Americans were reinforced.

FROM WASHINGTON.

In the United States Senate Mr. Pritchard. of North Carolina, made a speech on the race question in the South, and Mr. Turner on the Philippine question. A resolution for an inquiry into polygamy was adopted.

Brigadier General James F. Wade was directed to assume command of the Department of the Lakes upon the retirement of General Anderson.

Puerto Rican delegates made arguments before the Senate committee in favor of free trade with the island. Henry A. Hazan, of the Weather Duren

was probably fatally hurt by a bicycle acci-The Senate committee investigating the bribery charges against Senator Clark, of

Montana, heard a number of witnesses. Before the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures Secretary Gage spoke in favor of the metric system.

The House passed a joint resolution appointing ex-Secretary Olney one of the regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Surgeon General Wyman has issued

brochure on the history of the bubonic plague. General Merritt has been placed in charge of the funeral of General Lawton.

Brigadier General Thomas M. Anderson was retired under the age limit. The Interstate Commerce Committee decided that the Louisville and Nashville and the other companies violated the interstate commerce law by discriminating against Savannah, and ordered a change in rates to

be made. Mr. Hale declared in the Senate that the sentiment of the American people was with the Boers, and not with England, as Mr. Balfour declared.

The House Committee on Labor voted unanimously to report the joint resolution designed to prevent government bands, military and marine, from competing with civilian bands. Chairman Payne, of the Ways and Means

Committee, introduced in the House a bill to

extend the United States customs and inter-

nal revenue to Puerto Rico. The Pension Appropriation bill, earrying \$145,245,250, was passed by the House, after an attack on Pension Commissioner Evans administration.

Postmaster General Smith appeared before the committee investigating the alleged polygamous status of postal appointees in

An official report of the wreck of the United States steamer Charleston was received from Captain Pigman.

FATHER CHINIQUY'S WILL. His Property, Except His Valuable Library,

Left to His Wife. Kankakee, Ill., (Special.)-The will of Father Chiniquy, the excommunicated priest, who died in Montreal last year, was filed in the Kankakee County Court. In the will Father Chiniquy says he dies in the

faith of the Presbyterian Church. His property he leaves to his wife and daughters, except his library, worth \$7,007, which he bequeaths to his son-in-law, Rev. Joseph Morin, who is carrying on Father Chiniquy's missionary work in Canada, according to the dead priest's directions.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

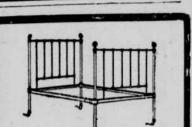
A number of towns along the Rhine, in Germany, are flooded, sudden thaws causing the river to rise ten feet in twenty-four hours. The French Chamber of Deputies voted

confidence in the government on an interpellation criticizing the government's indeeision in the recent miners' strike. German parliamentarians say that the fate

of the Naval bill in the Reichstag is by no

means assured. The Marquis de Castellane, father of the Count' denies reports that his son had failed to meet his obligations, due to bourse speculations, but it is stated that the Count was involved in private speculation, and suffered on account of the depression caused by British reverses in South Africa, Rumors

place his losses at 3,000,000 francs, The Empress of China has again vested Li Hung Chang with vice regal power, and given him the difficult task of dealing with



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LATEST NEWS GLEANED FROM VARI-OUS PARTS OF VIRGINIA.

CAPITATION TAX BILL.

Resolution Ordered to Engrossment in the Legislature-Decided Opposition to It-A North Carolinian's Story of a Moonshiner Outrage-George Ashby Arrested, Charged with Cutting Logan Ballinger.

One of the most interesting debates of this session of the Virginia Assembly took place in the Senate. The subject under consideration was the LeCato resolution so amend-ing the Constitution as to make the prepayment of the capitation tax the prerequisite to vote. The proposition failed a few days ago, but was passed by and came up on a reconsideration. There was very decided opposition expressed to the resolution. The antagonism of most of those who spoke was based upon the fear that such legislation might imperil the question of calling a constitutional convention. Several of the speakers pointed out the fact that the delinquents who were aimed at in the LeCato resolution would be apt to show their opposition to a call for a convention when it is submitted to the voters. Some of the speakers intimated that it was likely that the desire to defeat the convention inspired some of the friends of the measure under consideration.

Peppered With Shot. carrying more than 100 shot holes in his back and head, John W. Godwin, 30 years old, arrived in Suffolk from Ahoskie, N. C., from whence he had fled to escape death at the hands of a mob. He was glad to get away with his life, though with a perforated skin, and says he has left his North Carolina home for good and in now trying to buy a farm in this vicinity. Godwin has been persecuted by alleged moonshiners who thought he had been an informant. He used to be a secret service agent connected with the Raleigh office. This fact, taken in connection with a seizure near Ahoskie of a corn whisky distillery, caused suspicions that he had given information to internal revenue officers. Godwin, who is almost a giant in stature and who says he can compete with any two of his antagonists in the open, was first attacked three weeks ago. He and a relative, Edward Parker, were shot from tehind while walking the streets of Ahoskie at night. Both were wounded in many places with small shot. He had partially recovered from the wounds, when three men attacked him at his home, half a mile from the town. He was waked by rapid gunshots and by a wound inflicted on his nose while lying in bed. Large rifle balls penetrated the outside walls and were buried in the ceiling about the bed. Godwin and his wife, who is a frail woman, sought refuge in a second story. They had two pistols and a shotgun,

but did not return the fire. George Ashby Arrested. George Ashby, a young white man well know in Berryville, was arrested Tuesday night while hiding in a barn on the farm of Mrs. Arthur Allen, just across the West Virginia line. Ashby and Mr. Logan Ballinger got into a difficulty in a store at Gaylord, Clarke county, in which Ashby cut Ballinger badly with a knife. A warrant was sworn out by Ballinger and Sheriff W. W. Smallwood with a posse of three located Ashby and arrested him at the point of a pistol. Justice John T. Crow heard the case and sent the accused on for the action of the grand jury.

Tucker Memorial Hall. The roof of the John Randolph Tucker Memorial Hall, at Washington and Lee

University, has been completed and the building now presents quite an attractive appearance with its massive walls of native imestone and slate roof. The interior work is progressing rapidly and there is every prospect of the magnificent building soon being completed in its entirety. News has been received on the burning of

the dwelling of N. T. Purdy, in Brunswick county, a few nights ago. The fire originated from a defective flue. Two men who were asleep in the house came near being burned to death. One had to jump from a window and the other on leaving the house was badly burned and is now confined to the house from his injuries.

Virginia Brevities.

Mr. John William Fletcher, one of the wealthiest residents of Rappahannock county, died Thursday of heart disease. Mr. Jacob Martz, of Shenandoah county.

celebrated his ninety-third birthday. He is in good health and his mind is clear. Mrs. Sarah C. Jopling was burned to death in Botetourt county recently, her clothing having caught fire while she was preparing to retire.

Charles Beasley, of Richmond, was run over by a street car and sustained injuries which caused his death in a few hours. R. P. C. Sanderson, of the motive power

department of the Norfolk and Western at Roanoke, has resigned and gone to Chicago, where he has accepted a place in the motive power department of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad.

To my beloved daughter Marion and my respected employer, Jason Garrison;
To save my only son from a cruel fate. I paid the money I drew from the bank to-day, \$78,000, to Pratt & Weeks, intending to replace it with the money which I have saved, and which I had locked up in my private safe. After thus appropriating the Deputy Sheriff Alfred Henry, while feedwelcomed him home again. ing the prisoners in the Howell county (Mo.) private safe. After thus appropriating the Marion would not consent that the with a gleam of common sense. He the aggression of the French on the southern money that did not belong to me, I found my safe had been robted, and all my money jail was dragged into a cell and killed. All with the supposed assassin, and as to man whose deed had driven her father says that Sunday newspapers are frontier of China. to suicide should be allowed to go unthe prisoners in the jail escaped. how she came by the marked bank note published to make money. taken. I cannot live to face my disgrace. punished in consideration of his rewhich she had changed at the little